

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Approved Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2026**

Board Present: Mark Lightner, Everett Thurber, and Daryl Simino

Clerical Assistant Edie Bednarczyk

Others Present: Melanie Kraus, Ted Kraus, Scott Goodspeed, Jim Cheever, Jim Boice, Maren Ardell, David Richards, and Mindy Chadwick

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Opening and Approval of Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM on June 23, 2026.
- A motion to amend and approve June 9, 2026, minutes as printed was made, seconded, and passed.

Old Business Updates

- No updates fire department's inventory.
- Coach Road follow-up: Owner called Daryl.
- A follow-up was presented by Mark for the Friends of the Lempster Meetinghouse project letter; a meeting date will be confirmed with Bill Rodeschin.

Highway Department Report

- **Maintenance:**
 - Warranty work on grader is done.
 - Culvert clean out on Mountain Road.
 - Grading was completed on Nichols Road, School Road, and Coach Road.
 - The roller has mechanical issues, awaiting the correct parts.
 - Dust control is completed.
- **Road Issues and Repairs:**
 - Cleared a downed tree on Waldron Ext.
 - Ongoing work planned for Nichols Road, School Road, and Benway Hill.
 - Paving is set for mid-August.

New Business

- Jill Wilson has to reschedule her Old Home Day update.
- Melanie Kraus has requested \$450.00 for Fire/Rescue to purchase new First Aid Bags. Board will ask Robin to check their budget and give them an answer.
- Melanie Kraus informed the Board that the Members of the Long Pond Association had replaced the bulletin board at the Town Beach. The Board thanked them and will send a thank you card.

Department Reports

- **Fire/Rescue:**

- Participated in training with the Washington Fire Dept. Ropes & off-road.

- **Conservation Commission:**

- No Report

Administrative and Correspondence

- Abatement Application, signed by Board
- Request for withdrawal from CIP 012 – Building Maintenance (Library prep & paint), signed by Board
- Appointment of Edie Bednarczyk as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, signed by Board.
- Employee Time-off Requests, signed by Board

Public Participation:

- Mindy Chadwick had a request from Flags for Lempster to put flower pots on the Common. Approved by Board.
- Jim Boice asked about the long term strategy for Mountain Rd.
- Maren Ardell asked about the center line on Mountain Rd.
- Melanie Kraus asked whether camping is allowed on town property and said there have been campers at Duck Pond Trail.

There being no further business, Mark moved to adjourn the public meeting at 7:18 PM, seconded by Daryl; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Edie Bednarczyk
Clerical Assistant